

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The First Amendment clearly was the Founders' most important of Rights--the reason they placed it first.

Maintaining a degree of diversity in media and cable ownership is a key condition in assuring that the First Amendment continues to be our first priority among Rights.